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Dear Appropriations Committee,

I am on the East Hampton Board of Education, writing to you with grave concern over the Governor's proposals. Simply put: cutting \$3.1 million dollars from East Hampton's Education budget will simply bring our town's educational system to its knees. It would devastate and hurt those that we are trying to protect most: our children. Class sizes will undoubtedly grow to over 30 children in a class. Our town will be force to cut teaching positions in unthinkable numbers. Unemployment will rise. Overall, this proposal, and its timing, have been very poorly planned.

Any proposal that reduces the state's obligations to towns must be overturned.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Tania Sones